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'Twas night in the all-wicked city,
The streets were covered with ice,
As a little Italian boy shivered,
Singing: "Buy my pretty fire mice!"
His pets and bread-winners lay,
On crumbs from his scant store feeding,
Warm nestled in wool and hay.
Up sprang one a well-dressed gentleman,
Excited by drink and play,
One kick sent the little box spinning,
And the white mice scampered away.
'Twas a stroke of exquisite humor—
A jest with a touch of art.
Thus to save the nine Italian
Go off with a broken heart!

The boy and mice in the snow lay,
And his tears fell thick like rain.
Oh, that all are there cruel in the city
To pity and soothe such pain?
A girl ran down Lexington,
As she passed on her weary way,
She placed some coins in his grimy palm
And wiped his tears away.
For she thought of the little lie they
With whom she soon to stay,
Ere the spoiler came to the household
On a black and wintry day.
"Oh, beautiful, beautiful lady!"
The little Italian said,
"May our Lady her choicest blessings
Upon and around you shed."

But the young girl said with a shudder,
"I wish that I were dead!
For penance nor prayer avail me,
And blest go ever all I do less,
On sin's forever, forever
Fast locked in the Golden Gate."

May—for then still her charity,
In spite of the evil of sin,
And the gate may turn at that blessed word
And welcome the wanderer in.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A RESCUE.

BY L. A. KELLOGG.

"What place is like a railroad depot to which to study human nature?" I remarked to Hugh, as we stood on the platform waiting our turn for transportation.

Hereupon I commenced this interesting study by staring at everybody in general and pretty girls in particular. The pretty girls found my study of their faces rather disagreeable, I suppose, for I met a decided rebuff from a little golden-haired, blue-eyed fairy, who turned to her companions and called out:

"See here, girls, here's a specimen of human nature in the raw state."

"Complimentary, Tom, by Jove!" said Hugh, as I turned my observations in another direction, attracted by a lady who was leading a little boy and carrying a basket of refreshments.

"What a pleasant study you are having, Tom! Shall you have the problem solved when I get back this evening?"

I looked up, and there was Hugh's handsome face smiling upon me from one of the car windows, as the train moved off. I made a dash for the cars, and succeeded in reaching the rear one, and in pitching headlong into the lap of golden hair and blue eyes aforementioned.

Imagine my feelings! What a situation for a sensitive young gentleman!

As the cars stopped at Beechwood Station all the passengers made a general rush for the door. Much to my astonishment I was taken up by the crowd and deposited on the platform.

By Jupiter! the first foot I moved I put smash down on the white muslin dress of golden hair and blue eyes, tearing and spoiling it irremediably.

She uttered a little scream, and on recognizing the author of the mischief, exclaimed, "Awkward brute!" and gathering up her ruined train disappeared in the crowd.

"By Jove, Tom! you're in for adventures, I should think," said Hugh. "Do you know who that lady is?" said he.

"No; do you?"

"Yes; she is Miss Nettie Wilford, and that little gipsy with black eyes and curls is her sister Frankie, daughters of Judge Wilford."

"Nettie Wilford!" I echoed in surprise, for Nettie Wilford was the belle of N——, and I had often expressed a wish to make her acquaintance—and I had made it! Was there ever such an unfortunate mortal? Will my lucky star ever predominate?

I walked to the grove in a state of mind better imagined than described. I had made myself supremely ridiculous in the eyes of the lady I most wished to please.

On reaching the highland overlooking the pond on which our pleasure party was to sail, a lovely landscape was unfolded to my admiring gaze. A beautiful silvery lake lay at my feet like a jewel in its emerald setting of waving grain.

"How beautiful!" I involuntarily exclaimed, but hearing no response from Hugh, I turned and found that he was engaged in saluting a lady, whom I recognized as the "gipsy," Frankie.

On the shore we found the party assembled, patiently awaiting their turn to embark. After a time the ladies were stowed away, their little musical screams and shrieks hushed, and the last fold of a refractory crinoline adjusted when the snowy sails were unfurled to the soft breeze, and the little gala fleet slowly left the shore.

Judge Wilford was seated on my right, and Hugh and Miss Frankie on my left.

"Father, where can Nettie be? I do not see her in any of the boats."

Just at that moment, before the judge could reply, I saw shoot out from a little cove a fairy shallop, rowed by the missing maiden. It is the nymph of the lake, thought I, as I gazed on the white-robed figure.

"There, father, there," said Frankie.

As she neared the party, the gentlemen shouted, and the ladies waved their handkerchiefs. She waved her snowy-plumed hat in return, lost her balance, trembled, swayed, fell—the blue waves closed over the bright vision, and the little boat drifted away.

I plunged in madly but missed her, and came to the surface in time to see her sink for the second time.

It was in that moment of peril and danger that I knew I loved Nettie Wilford as I had never loved woman before. I waited breathlessly for her to reappear. The seconds seemed ages till the circles of the waves told me she was there. I reached her just as the white face rose for the last time. I clasped one arm around the loved one, and with the other struck out for the shore. By an almost superhuman effort I succeeded in reaching it, and placing my unconscious burden in the arms of her mother.

His face wore a grave look as he took Nettie's hand and searched in vain for the pulse. His directions were quickly obeyed by his assistants, and at length their indefatigable exertions were rewarded as slowly the frozen life-current warmed in the blue veins, and a faint flush stole up to the pale cheeks, the eyelids quivered, and her blue eyes opened once more.

I stole away, thinking that such a reunion would be too sacred for a stranger eye to witness.

I was soon recalled by Hugh's well known voice, saying:

"Raymond, this way."

I retraced my steps, and found that Miss Wilford had entirely recovered, and the Judge was inquiring for me.

"My child," said he, as I entered the room, "this is Mr. Raymond, the gentleman who so bravely risked his life to save yours."

Her cheeks flushed as she recognized the hero of her adventure during the day, and her voice trembled as she said:

"Pardon my rudeness this morning, and accept my thanks for so nobly rescuing me from a watery grave—a debt which I can never repay."

"There is nothing to forgive," I said as I kissed her hand. "It is I that should ask your pardon for my awkwardness. In saving you I only did my duty, and I beg that you will not mention it again, for the pleasure of saving a life so precious amply rewards me."

"Mr. Raymond," said the Judge, "you must allow me to thank you. Words cannot express my gratitude. I hope that some time I may have an opportunity of showing by deeds that I am not ungrateful."

"O, sir," said Frankie, "how can I ever thank you for saving my sister."

I assured her that it would be an easy task, and after having run a gauntlet of congratulations and thanks, retreated with Hugh to the picnic grounds, leaving the rest of the party to follow at their leisure.

The remainder of the day passed pleasantly to all. I was made happy by Miss Wilford's agreeable society, but at last the delightful day came to a close, as all delightful days must.

As I parted with my new-found friends, I received a cordial invitation to visit them at their residence, an invitation I was not slow in accepting and improving.

Need I tell you, kind reader, how, after graduating, I studied law with the Judge, and meanwhile studied a far more interesting page with his lovely daughter.

A Ducking Stool.

In the crypt of Warwick Church, says a correspondent of The Galaxy, the mighty arches of which spring from one enormous pier, there is an article which has long gone out of use—whether advantageously or not I shall not venture to say—a ducking stool, made for the public discipline of scolding women. This is one of the only two, I believe, that remain in England. It consists of a strong oaken frame on low wheels, from which a seat rises upon an inclined beam that works upon a pivot or axle. The stool was lashed into the seat, and then the "institution" was drawn to the river side at a conveniently deep place, and rolled in until the patient sat just above the water. Then the land end of the beam was tipped up, and consequently the other end, with its lading, went down under the water, where it was allowed to remain not too long, and was then raised for breathing time. This process was repeated as often as it was thought beneficial to the lady under treatment, or necessary for the peace of her family and neighborhood. Whether husbands ever interceded for wives thus disciplined, as wives do now sometimes for husbands who are unreasonably interfered with in the gentle sport of blacking their eyes or kicking their ribs, is not recorded.

Vienna.

The first impression of Vienna, says the Popular Monthly, is, that it is like Paris. The streets are lively the buildings hand-some, and some of the people very French in their appearance. There are, indeed, a great many French people there, and one hears the language continually in the street and in the cafes. There is a large per centage of the people who are Italian, or of Italian blood, and the Vienna German is not the light blonde of the North so much as the dark hair, complexion and eyes of the South and East. There is a superabundance of Jews, as there is in all German cities. In Vienna they seem to crop out more as individuality. Since the tearing down of the old row of Jewish houses in Frankfort, the Jew of that city has become absorbed in the general population. In Berlin he is individualized only as an old-clothes buyer at the street corners. Jew and Gentile are commingled on the street and on the Bourse. In Vienna, however, they form a more prominent feature of the landscape.

Which is the Longer, the Index or Ring Finger?

The question thus brusquely put has embarrassed even the specialists. A glance at the hand will give very different answers. Some will answer the index is the longer, others the ring.

If we consult classic works, we find as follows: Weber says the ring finger is a little shorter than the index. Gerdy says the index is shorter than the ring. According to Cerise the index is longer; according to Henle the index is shorter. Hyrtl claims that the index is shorter; while Bangles, with Alix, teaches us that the length of the two fingers is about the same.

In his biographical notes concerning the great painter, Raphael Menge, (illegible) remember one day having taken the liberty to remark to him, after studying one of his pictures:

"Why, the hand is deformed; the ring finger is shorter than the index."

"Ah," said he, "you indulge in a pleasantry; look at my hand," and he stretched it forth. His ring finger was shorter than the index.

"Well," said I, confused, "I am sure I do not differ from the other sons of Adam."

"Whence, then, am I descended?" he asked.

"*Ma foi*," said I, examining his hands, "I am at loss to know to what species you do belong, but surely not to mine."

"Then your species is not the human species," he replied, with some asperity, "for the hand of both man and woman is just like this."

"I wager you one hundred pistoles, you are wrong," I said, winking up Frank.

"Furiously he threw away his palette and brush, rang the bell, and summoned all his servants.

"Out with your hands," he ordered.

"His anger became high when he saw that on every hand the ring finger was longer than the index. Then, recognizing the absurdity of his angry conduct, he said, deprecatingly: "Well, I am glad I differ with the rest of my race in one point at least."

So it may be seen that it is imprudent to answer too lightly this point in esthetic anatomy.

Ecker has the merit of having made the first careful researches to determine the relative length of the fingers. In studying the hands of apes he observed that the index is always shorter than the ring finger in the gorilla, chimpanzee and orang outang. An investigation made by one of his students in Philadelphia on twenty-five negroes and twenty-four negresses gave the following results: Among the twenty-five negroes, the ring finger was found longer than the index (eight millimetres on the average) twenty-four times; once only was the length of the fingers the same.

Mary Ann.

"Sall on 'count of my wife!" exclaimed James Partner as he walked out. "That woman is bound to be the death of me!"

"I thought it was all on account of beer," replied the Court as he looked down into Mr. Partner's excited eyes.

"Yes, but what made me drink that beer?" exclaimed the prisoner. "If it hadn't been for that Mary Ann of mine would I have rushed out for beer?"

"Don't ask me conundrums, but go ahead with your explanations."

"Well, sir, I've been married to this woman for five years. She's what they call the melancholy sort. She sits for hours and looks out of the window, and it isn't more than once a month that she gets up in the morning before 10 o'clock. I've got two children, and that are woman will sit down on the corner of the kitchen table and look out into the back yard for a straight half hour, while them young 'uns are bawling loud enough to make a dead dog turn over in his grave. When I get up I have to cook my own breakfast. When I come home to dinner it isn't ready. When my day's work is done, there's no supper for me unless I cook it. Last night I went home and found my wife sitting on the back steps, no fire, no supper, children howling, and the cat curled up in the teakettle. I just went to pieces in a minute. I knew I'd either got to box my wife's ears, lick the children, kill the cat or get drunk, and I got drunk."

"Anything more?" asked the Court, as he hesitated.

"Nothing. I don't care two cents whether I go up or go home. If I live with that woman any longer I'm going to hire a boy to pound tin pans, fire off pistols and blow horns around the house and see if I can't rouse her."

"It's a pretty tight squeeze, but you can go this time," said his Honor. "Perhaps your wife will soon turn out a poetess. I've heard that they always mope around that way for three or four months before they strike the mad lyre of rhyme."

"Well, I druther she'd be a mad liar than a mope," sighed Mr. Partner, as he reached for out-doors.—*Free Press.*

Eastern Swords.

There have been some curious features connected with the sword manufacture in early times, says an Eastern traveller. The Damascus blades, and the Toledo blades, have each in its own particular sphere acquired great fame for their excellence; the keenness of the edge and the extensive and perfect elasticity having been carried in them to the utmost point. We have all read of Orientals wearing their swords twisted round their waists, or even coiled up in their turbans, so great was their elasticity, and swords have been made so keen as to cut a silk shawl in two, while resting lightly on the edge. Such, at least, have been the reported wonders; but the Easterns may probably in this, as in many other matters, embellish their stories a little.

Sad Accident to a Proof-Reader and Compositor.

"From the ample trunks in the hallways of the hotels, we should judge the drummers from New York houses have arrived in town," was the innocent paragraph a Western editor wrote for his paper.

When he returned from dinner the grinning office boy announced to him that four gentlemen were waiting to see him.

"Where are they?" asked the quill-driver.

"Well," said the imp, "they've been smoking in the composing room till the compositors have stained all the type out of their sticks, 'n they've sent me out six times for beer, 'n now they're pitchin' dime pieces with the foreman on the imposing stone."

"Very well," said the editor, bringing a large club in the corner more to view, replacing the paper cutter with a bowie knife, and half opening a drawer in which reposed a revolver, "show 'em in."

Four gentlemen in very plaid suits, with very large diamond pins and very loud watch chains, with lockets at the ends as big as dollars, entered, the foremost laying a card on the desk, inscribed

"Sharp, Chisel & Co.,
1001 Beekman Street, New York,
Hardware and Cutlery,"

In small letters, and

"Presented by
GEO. GOUGE,"

In very large ones, asked—

"Are you the editor?"

The journalist looked at the party quietly, as if calculating the cost of the largest sculls, and answered, "I am."

"Here is a little paragraph about commercial travelers," said Mr. Gouge, pulling a paper from his pocket, "which me and my friends, who are members of the Temple of Honor, and belong to the Young Men's Christian Association of New York would like explained."

The miserable man took the paper mechanically and gazed at his paragraph, which the printer had set as follows:

"From the simple drunks in the hallways of hotels, we should judge the drunkards from New York houses have arrived in town."

Quietly taking up his revolver, the editor strode upstairs—two sharp reports and heavy falls were heard, and the journalist returned and pleasantly remarked to his visitors:

"Gentlemen, there are not many entertainments in this town now, but a proof-reader and a compositor are to be buried to-morrow, and if you care for that sort of thing we should be pleased to see you at the funerals."

And he sat down to write an obituary notice, while that night "through the cold and heavy mist" four gentlemen bought railway tickets for Chicago.

Artificial Eyes.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 eyes are sold annually in the United States. An eye maker gives one in 125 as the proportion of one-eyed people. Computing the population of the country at 42,000,000 this rate gives 336,000 as the number of persons with only one eye in the Republic. Consequently, while 100,000 people supply their optical deficiency with an artificial eye, 236,000 go without. In proportion to the population the eye-maker said there are more one-eyed people in Paterson, N. J., than in any other town in that or any other country. All towns that have many foundries and factories, and whose air is impregnated with soot and smoke, count their one-eyed inhabitants by the score; but Paterson is ahead of the rest. The eye-maker knew of the three proprietors of a single foundry there each losing an eye. Pittsburg comes next. In this city one-eyed folks abound in the neighborhood of manufacturing establishments. Once he had four patients from near a foundry in West Eleventh-street alone. Not only the foul atmosphere destroys the sight, but flying pieces of metal burst out the eyes of the workmen. An importer who sells 1,500 eyes annually, sends one-third to Canada; Chicago takes 300, and Cincinnati more than St. Louis. New Orleans, Nashville, and other towns west and south buy the remainder. The color for eyes most in demand is what is known as "Irish blue," a peculiarly light azure that predominates in Ireland. The average cost of an eye is ten dollars. He sells comparatively few eyes in New York, as New Yorkers prefer to have their eyes made to order.

Quiet Girls.

The quiet girl is generally worth studying, and will frequently astonish those who pretend to understand her, by rising to heights, when she is summoned thither, which are unapproachable to her complacent and courted critics. Yet it may happen that quiet girls of the best type may lack the wit, the adaptability to that with which they have no sympathy, the glibness, and that unlimited faith in themselves which must be possessed by those who desire to attract the notice of the more shallow portion of society, who believe in noisy girls. All quiet girls are not endowed with genius and the virtues, for some are simply fools who would be noisy enough if they could find any thing to say. But we protest against the habit which prevails of slighting quiet girls and speaking ill of them before they have been fairly tried, and of paying unbecoming homage to the conceited chatterboxes of little moral sense and principle. While noisy damsels will often turn out to be gaudy impostors, many quiet ones will amply repay the time, trouble, or love which any one may bestow upon them.

The Pirate King.

This name seems to have been justly earned by Kydd. He was a native of London, and was born, as nearly as can be ascertained by vague records, in the year 1648. From boyhood he evinced a fondness for the sea, and ran away from his home to ship as cabin boy, when he was yet but thirteen years of age. From that position he became the most notorious pirate that ever plowed the sea in search of plunder. He was an excellent navigator, a good disciplinarian, and a most plausible man. He was thus enabled to interest William of Orange, a prince who was noted for his cupidity, and who was then on the throne of England, in his schemes. He represented to the king that he would subserve the cause of religion and commerce by giving him a free commission to sail the seas and rid them of pirates. To this William acceded.

Once fairly embarked Kydd acknowledged no master but himself, no purpose but to rob and steal all that he could, no responsibility to either God or man. Ostensibly he was to clear the seas of pirates, with which at that time they were infested, but he robbed and plundered indiscriminately, until it has been estimated that he possessed himself of over twenty million of dollars. This treasure he buried somewhere on the coast of New England or New York. Portions of this wealth have been discovered, but not more than one-tenth of what the daring buccaneer secreted. He not only attacked other piratical vessels, but also robbed regular traders and merchant ships of all nations, and upon all seas. The authority which first commissioned him strove in vain to recall him. He would acknowledge no authority whatever but scoured the seas in an unscrupulous career of robbery and murder, until his name became a terror to all navigators, attacking Spanish galleons, Portugese fellow-corsairs, and the very merchant-ships of England, for whose protection he had been originally employed.

Kydd filled his ship to the full with Indian treasures and African gold and Spanish dollars. For five or six years he was master of the ocean, accumulating enormous treasures. Early in his career he had quarrelled with the earl of Bellamont about a woman, and had made that powerful noble then governor of New York and Massachusetts, a bitter enemy. The latter person hearing that Kydd had murdered his boatswain, made strenuous efforts to arrest him, in which he was finally successful, and brought him to justice in the year 1701, when he was hanged in chains at Execution Dock in London.

Philanthropy of Common Life.

There are those says Orville Dewey, who, with a kind of noble but mistaken aspiration, are asking for a life which shall, in its form and outward course, be more spiritual and divine than that which they are obliged to live. They think that if they could devote themselves entirely to what are called the labors of philanthropy, to visiting the poor and sick, that would be well and worthy—and so it would be. They think that if it could be inscribed on their tombstone that they had visited a million couches of disease, and carried balm and soothing to them, that would be a glorious record—and so it would be. But let me tell you that the million occasions will come—ay, in the ordinary paths of life, in your houses and by your firesides—wherein you may act as nobly as if all your life long you had visited beds of sickness and pain. Yes, I say the million occasions will come, varying every hour, in which you may restrain your passions, subdue your hearts to gentleness and patience, resign your interest to another's advantage, speak words of kindness and wisdom, raise the fallen, and cheer the fainting and sick in spirit, and soften and assuage the weariness and bitterness of the mortal lot. These cannot indeed be written on your tombs, for they are not one series of specific actions, like those of what is technically denominated philanthropy. But in them, I say, you may discharge offices not less glorious for yourselves than the self-denials of the fur-famed Sisters of Charity, or than the labors of Howard or Oberlin. They shall not be written on your tombs; but they are written deep in the hearts of men—of friends, of children, of kindred all around you.

The Hunter.

Once, on a dimly-lighted bridge, a traveller met a man whose fantastic costume astonished and somewhat alarmed him. The wind blew high, and the waves rolled turbulently under the solemn timbers of the old arches; black and sullen were the waters—black and sullen was the sky. The man wore a red shirt; a handkerchief was tied with fantastic exactness about his head, and under it stood out his wild elf-locks, black as the night, the sky and the waters. Startled by this apparition, at an unseemly hour, the traveller stood appalled, and each surveyed the other on the long, dismal thoroughfare. At last a peal of sharp laughter filled the air; he of the red shirt sprang forward, laying both hands heavily upon the unprepared stranger, and cried out in unearthly tones, "Man, man! did you ever thank God for your reason?"

"I—I never did!" stammered the traveller, striving to regain his self-possession.

"Then, thank Him now!" shouted the maniac; and, standing back to make a leap, his last cry rang on the night, as he yelled: "for I have lost mine!" And he sprang over the bridge with the heaving waters, whose ensuing surge smothered his dying struggles.

Reader, did you ever thank God for your reason? If not, "thank Him now."

THE McKEAN MINER.

H. F. Barbour - - - Editor.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 6, 1879.

The public debt was decreased $9,751,980 during January.

A BILL to prevent Chinese immigration passed the House at Washington last week by a vote of 155 to 79.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITE read in place last Thursday an act appropriating $345,000 to the Hospital for the Insane at Warren.

RICHARD HENRY DANA, the poet, died in Cambridge, Mass., last Sunday, in his 92nd year.

AN enthusiastic meeting of oil producers was held at the Bradford Oil Exchange on Saturday, at which a series of resolutions were passed vigorously protesting against the proposed State tax on oil.

THE President is reported as feeling very complacent over his first success in the Senate, and claims that it is a substantial endorsement of his peculiar policy of reform and a victory over the machine politicians.

THE Republican Senators at Washington caucused yesterday on the measures necessary to avoid an extra session. Though such a session, if held, would be an expense of many thousand dollars to the Government the Democratic policy of economy is not disturbed about it.

THAT southern statesman, Ben. Hill, says he is opposed to war claims. But he said he was opposed to the silver bill and then voted for it. He said he was friendly to the President and then denounced him. No man knows so little about Ben Hill's sentiments as Ben Hill himself.

SECRETARY MCCANDLESS had $1,000 of State funds in the Dougherty bank when it failed. He now asks the State to relieve him of the indebtedness. When the late Robert W. Mackey lost $180,000 of State funds by the failure of a bank in Philadelphia, he paid it out of his pocket and there was an end of the matter.

FEBRUARY 1st, the United States Treasury held the enormous amount of $382,430,685.98 in cash. Much of it is for the redemption of six per cents called but not yet paid. The sales of four per cents during January amounted to one hundred and fifty-eight million nine hundred thousand dollars, or $6,000,000 a day for every week day in the month!

SOME of the able editors of the organs of oil are still desperately struggling after a solution of the question why Hon. L. Emery, Jr., a Republican Representative, voted for J. D. Cameron, the Republican candidate for Senator. They have our best wishes for success.

THE State of Pennsylvania and city of Philadelphia appropriated to the Centennial Exposition $2,500,000 as their donation to the enterprise. The United States Government loaned $1,500,000 and received it all back. This was a national undertaking without national cost, and the city and the State had to bear the burden for the sake of local pride.—*Phila. North American.*

AT LAST the bill authorizing the appointment of a commission to ascertain and adjust the losses occasioned by the Pittsburg riots, in July, 1877, has been introduced in the Legislature. Speaker Long is the man who has the honor of opening the ball. The bill provides for the payment of these losses, and appropriates the handsome sum of $4,000,000 for that purpose. A commission consisting of three persons is also provided for, who shall be appointed by the Governor, and who shall adjust and properly apportion the losses. They are required to complete their work by the first of next November, and are to receive ten dollars per day and their necessary expenses for labor. Of course they will have to employ a clerk or two, and when the work is completed it will amount to a handsome sum.

AN unusually large number of schemes for depleting the national Treasury are now being pressed upon Congress with extraordinary vigor. The Brazil subsidy, the pioneer, is pending in three distinct bills as follows: First, the House bill, an independent measure reported favorably from the Post-office Committee and now on the calendar awaiting action. Second, a Senate amendment to the Post Route bill; this passed the Senate last June and is now being considered by two special committees. The third, and last thus far, has been offered as an amendment to the Post-office Appropriation bill and referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The friends of this measure having three strings to their bow, alternately pull first one and then another, whichever seems for the time being to offer the best prospect of success.—*Cor. Buffalo Express.*

An Indian President Impeached.

The land on which Salamanca stands is in the Allegheny reservation of the Seneca Indians. The Indians control all the land, but have no power to sell any of it. Salamanca and other places in the vicinity are built entirely on lands thus leased. The Seneca nation is governed by a president and council. All leases must be approved by the council and signed by the president. The latter has no authority to act independant of the council. Job King, a descendant of a long line of Seneca braves, was president of the council until a few days ago. The discovery of oil at Bradford, Pa., only a few miles from the reservation, in the Allegheny valley, led to investigating lands on the reservation. Several wells have been put down and oil found. This has increased the value of the Indian lands and the demand for leases. A few weeks ago President King was charged with having signed leases unknown to the council, and receiving bribes for doing so. On the 8th of January a court of impeachment was organized for his trial on the charges. The court was held at Red House. President King pleaded not guilty to the charge. Evidence was taken, and the court has decided, by a vote of eight to four, to impeach the president and remove him from office.

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CITY OF BRADFORD, PA.,

MONDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 1879.

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TREMENDOUS BARGAINS

In Goods Slightly Damaged by Water at the Great Fire in Worth Street, New York, where Three Million Dollars worth of Dry Goods and Carpets were in the Flames on the night of Jan. 17. Many of these goods were absolutely not damaged a particle except in appearance. They were nevertheless bought at less than half.

Value and will be closed out at prices that will cause the hearts of consumers to rejoice.

The Assortment Consists of Great Lines of Bleached and Brown Cottons, Calicos, Ginghams, Sheetings, Pillow Case Cottons, Table Linens, Towels, Toweling, Embroideries, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, Dress Goods, Black and Colored Silks, Linen Sheetings, Etc., Etc. Don't fail to Examine these Goods.

The great majority of these goods were packed in cases and bales at the time of the conflagration and are consequently so slightly damaged that they could be sold as perfect, but preferring a "Nimble Sixpence to a Slow Shilling," I propose to give the people

A Royal Benefit!

Which all will remember for years to come. Those desiring to secure any of bargains mentioned must not delay, but come at once, for the goods will be sold so cheap that they will go with a rush. As samples of the bargains that may be expected the reader is referred to

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One special lot Toilet Quilts at 35 cts each. Worth $1 00.
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One special lot Toilet Quilts at 90 cts each. Worth $1 75.
One special lot Toilet Quilts at $1 00 each. Worth $2 00.
One special lot Toilet Quilts in New and Elegant designs at $1 25. A great Bargain at $2 50.
One special lot Toilet Quilts, extra large and heavy, at $2 00. Worth $4 50.
All Linen Sheetings, full width, at 55, 65 and 75 cts. Worth from $1 00 to $2 00.
Great lines of Table Linens from 12½ cts per yard upward.
Special attention is directed to the following lots of Bleached Table Linens, as being the Greatest Bargains ever offered in the world, to wit:
One lot Bleached Table Linen, Elegant, Double Satin Damask, at $1 00 per yard. Cost $2 50 to import.
Special attention is called to a magnificent assortment of

Very Fine Table Linens, Also Table Cloths & Napkins En Suite,

Manufactured expressly for the Paris Exhibition, and sent to this country to be sold. These goods are in perfect condition, but were purchased with other Linens at one uniform discount, and will therefore be sold at less than half of the original cost.

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Those who desire to purchase fine Table Linens, Napkins and Towels will find that this will present the greatest opportunity to secure bargains ever presented, and should be speedily improved.

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NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of "The Bradford Mutual Fire Insurance Company," Sept. 23rd, at their office in Bradford, Pa., the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Company under no consideration whatever will insure any frame building in any frame or brick in the borough of Bradford or any other town. And that the business of said Company be principally confined to detached dwellings and detached mercantile property and their contents, and other non-hazardous insurable property.

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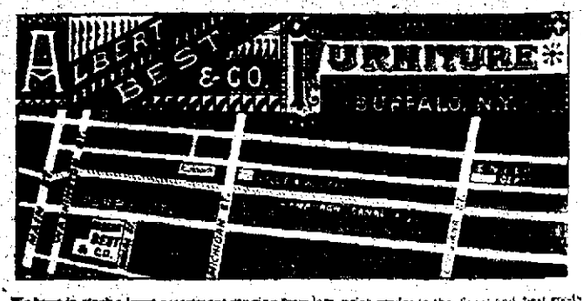

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Official Directory.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY.

President Judge.—H. W. Williams, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.

Additional Judge.—S. F. Wilson, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.

Associate Judges.—W. S. Brownell, Smethport; F. N. Burnham, Eldred.

District Attorney.—S. W. Smith, Port Allegany.

Sheriff.—Roswell Sartwell, Smethport.

Prothonotary.—John B. Brayley, Bradford.

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County Clerk.—H. F. Barbour, Smethport.

Jury Commissioner.—J. A. Anderson, J. E. B. White.

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County Surveyor.—G. H. Lyon, Bradford, Pa.

Regular Terms of Court.—Fourth Monday in February and September, and Third Monday of June and December.

Borough Officers.

Burgess—M L Armstrong

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Clerk—Robert L Bringham

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Justices—G M Smith P Ford

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Regular Meetings of Co. Commissioners.

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HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

—Clothes Wringers repaired at Masons'.

—W. A. Williams, Esq., has gone to New York city.

—The "transpire vs. perspire" sell has just reached Warren.

—Capt. Ernhout, of the Bennett House, went to Buffalo yesterday.

—The wife of Hon. A. T. Barden is recovering from a severe illness.

—Chew "Jackson's Best" Sweet Navy Tobacco. v16-n4-y1

—Four oil tanks are completed at Kane with a capacity of 100,000 barrels.

—Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y tf

—Clarion county paid $309. for bounties on wild cat and fox scalps last year.

—None but rel ble insurance companies represented by W.H. Mandeville. tf

—Bro. Hughes, of the *Reporter*, accompanied by his wife, was in town yesterday.

—A bill to repeal the law creating Jury Commissioners is before the House at Harrisburg.

—The Bennett House, under the new management, is winning praises from all quarters.

—Mr. Haskill, late proprietor of the Bennett House, has retired to the seclusion of Brooklyn.

—Hiram Deane & Co. will deliver six thousand cords of bark at the landing near the Lattice Bridge in Eldred this winter.

—The *Eagle* learns that remonstrances will be presented at the next term of court against the granting of licences at Allegany Bridge.

—Anderson, Otis & Co., have sold the stock and fixtures of their oil well supply store at Duke Centre to the Oil Well Supply Co., Limited.

—Bartholomew, the Lewis Run murderer, looks as attenuated and ghostly as a Monk who has been doing penance on bread and water forty years.

—Read DeForest Weld's double column advertisement in this issue and govern yourself accordingly—to make your money go as far as possible.

—The *Era* people point with pride to a landscape of the features of Bartholomew, the Lewis Run murderer, on exhibition in the office of that paper.

—A freight train on the B., N. Y. & P. railroad jumped the track near Olean last Saturday night. No one was hurt, but it took forty-eight hours to clear the wreck.

—The Knights of Pythias Lecture Association of Bradford have concluded to drop the remainder of the course and refund the money due the holders of season tickets.

—The Bank of Eldred has not yet opened but expects to be in working order before many days. It will be a great convenience to the denizens of that sprightly town.

—Charley Persons has taken his brother in as partner in the management of the *Era*, and thus hopes to lighten the load on his shoulders. Two Persons are better than one, as a general thing.

—The Oil City *Derrick's* January report gives the number of wells completed at 189, rigs up 264, wells drilling 267, dry holes 14. The northern field is extending its borders.

—The young people are especially invited to attend the donation at the Baptist parsonage next Tuesday.

—According to the *Breeze* one of the most fashionable parties that has taken place in Tarport for some time occurred at the Welch House on Friday evening last, given in honor of Miss Ida Wilcox, of Wilcox, Pa.

—The Eldred *Express* don't like it because drunken roughs go about the streets singing obscene songs. And yet there is not a licensed house in Eldred. The boys probably suck the "critter" from the ground through a straw.

—Under the present law but one select councilman can be chosen in the young city of Bradford. As one would hardly be a working majority even if he was all present, Hon. L. Emery has introduced a bill providing for the election of four instead of one.

—It is hardly necessary to call attention to De Forest Weld's advertisement in this issue. We predict that it will attract the attention of every one of our readers upon opening the paper. It is an instructive and telling advertisement and will repay a careful perusal.

—An esteemed Bradford friend writes us, in a private letter: "Black Crook here next Saturday; tickets going fast. What a naughty place Bradford is getting to be. And we fear that our friend aforesaid has one of those tickets tucked away in his pocket—where his wife can't find it.

—A. M. Benton has erected a large store at his mills near Eldred, and has just returned from New York, where he purchased a good stock of dry goods, groceries, provisions, etc. Mr. Clarence L. Parker, formerly of Wellsville, will be associated with Mr. Benton in the store.—*Eldred Express.*

—The man who sprinkles the icy pavements with ashes is a public benefactor in no small degree. A monument to his memory would not be inappropriate. People will rise up and call him Blessed. They don't do that in front of the man's yard that don't sprinkle. They are more likely to sit down and call him cursed.

—Township elections occur week from next Tuesday. The most important offices to be filled are those of Assessor and two Assistant Assessors. We hope there will be no foolishness exercised in regard to filling these offices. Let none but the best men who will accept the positions be nominated in every township and borough.

—President Pullman has sent an order to the company's shops at Detroit for the construction of eight palace sleeping cars, to embody all the latest improvements. Four of these will be used upon the London and Great Northern Railway in England, and four upon the New York, Lake Erie and Western. The cars will cost $14,000 apiece.—*Railway World.*

—Frank Wright has been making many improvements in his hotel during the past few weeks. He has cut the hall-rooms into bed-rooms, and these new rooms are regarded by guests as among the most pleasant in the house. Frank considers himself now in good shape for court week, as he can accommodate from thirty to fifty more persons than ever before.

—The "organs of oil," undertake to publish monthly statistics of the oil operations. We have suspected that these reports were not altogether reliable, from the fact that it is an almost impossibility to make them so in a widely extended field. We are more suspicious of this fact upon comparing recent reports of the *Derrick*, *Era* and *Breeze*. For instance: The *Derrick* gives for January the number of wells drilling 267; the *Era*, 249; and the *Breeze* 220. Whom are we to believe when the doctors disagree?

—The New Bradford Oil Exchange Building will be impesingly and appropriately dedicated on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The dodicatory services incident to the opening will take place at 9:30 p. m., to be followed by a Ladies Reception, Promonade Concert, and Ball in the evening. Many notables of the State and Nation are expected to be present, and the occasion will no doubt be one long to be remembered. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation, and should it be impossible for us to be present should always feel that we had missed one of the happiest events of our lives.

—Bradford is no longer a borough, but a new full-blown city, and will have a mayor and common council, with the usual host of expensive and ornamental city officers. The people of that fast place will very soon discover that they have a big thing on their hands, and will wish in vain for the good old days of Adam and Eve. It will be a nice thing to grade and beautify the streets, and to build pounds for the use of cows and dogs, but when the taxes are gathered in, many will think the whole thing rather "costive" while oil is worth but eighty cents, with brilliant prospects ahead of a further decline in price.—*Warren Ledger.*

—Dr. Rollin R. Gregg, of Buffalo, announces his belief that he has discovered the true cause of consumption, which he claims is a loss of albumen from the blood through initiated and abraded mucous membrane. His system of treatment is suggested by the following: "Not a case of consumption, even in its first stage, or, indeed, in its first threatenings, can, therefore, be cured, nor can a rational hope of its cure be entertained, short of healing the mucous membranes, and putting a stop to the further waste of albumen. No one can maintain vigorous health for a day while sustaining a loss of this most essential of all the elements of animal life, and none can live under its continued waste."

—A Kane correspondent of the Bradford *Bronze* writes that paper the particulars of a sad accident which occurred near Kane on Thursday last: "William Fitzpatrick was killed on the P. & E. railroad a short distance west of Kane, in this county, on Thursday last. The locomotive became disconnected from the tender and Fitzpatrick fell to the track. The tender and six cars passed over and terribly mangled his body. He was twenty-six years of age and unmarried. Fitzpatrick had been a resident of Kane for fourteen years and was a fireman on the P. & E. road for ten years. Sunday a special train bearing friends and relatives of the deceased and carrying the remains to Warren for burial.

ANOTHER MURDER.

Kane Contributes another Sensation—Old Man Swanson Assaulted and since Dies—His alleged Assailant in jail.

Last night a young man by the name of William Tees was committed to jail by Constable O'Conner, of Kane, on the charge of assaulting an old man by the name of Swanson, a Swede, and a resident of Kane. As a simple case of assault the matter would perhaps create but little general interest, but this morning a telegram was received by the Sheriff from the committing justice, D. T. Hull, stating that Swanson has since died, which makes it at least a very serious matter for the accused.

The facts, as close as we can gather them from an interview with the prisoner and the constable, are about as follows: Tees, the prisoner, the old man Swanson and his son, and another Swede whose name we could not learn, were at Swanson's house, which is located across the railroad from Kane village, in what is known as the "Swede settlement." They had a quantity of alcohol in the house, and evidently had been indulging in that *quiet* beverage. Tees states that at the time the trouble occurred young Swanson had gone up stairs to bed. He (Tees) was reading a paper. The old man Swanson and the other Swede were disputing angrily in Swede, and though he could not understand all they said, seemed to be quarreling about some money. Finally the other Swede struck Swanson a heavy blow on the temple with some weapon which he did not distinguish. Then he (Tees) jumped up and knocked the other Swede down and under the table and picked Swanson up and commenced bathing his wound with cold water. At this time young Swanson, hearing the fracas, came down, and without stopping to investigate the matter, picked up a hatchet and threw it at Tees, hitting him on the leg, at which he ran, followed by the entire party, when he was met and arrested by Constable O'Connor. Tees says he is not a Swede, but is of German descent. He has been living in Kane about six months and has been at work on the oil tanks. As it appears now from his story, many points of which are corroborated by the constable, there seems a strong question whether Tees or the other Swede is the guilty party. The latter will probably be arrested to-day, and it will be for the court and jury to decide as to the true criminal.

HONORS TO A SMETHPORTONIAN.—The worth of Hon. L. Rogers, of this place, seems to be recognized at Harrisburg. For the past fifteen years he has been regularly re-elected as Journal Clerk of the Senate without any great effort on his part, simply because of his merit, ability and capability for the position. He holds the position during the present session, and we see by the recent Harrisburg papers that he has also been offered the position of Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs by Secretary-elect Dunkel. It is also stated that he will probably accept. The position is one of the most responsible under the State administration, as well as one of the most honorable. The tender of the position is therefore a high compliment to Mr. Rogers' worth and ability, and we are quite sure that Secretary Dunkel will never have reason to feel that the compliment was unworthily bestowed. Although Smethport, is not yet definitely located as on the belt, McKean county is the largest producing oil county in the State, and Mr. Rogers is a representative citizen of the county and deeply interested in the well being of the oil interest. The department of Internal Affairs has close relations with the interests of the oil producers, and in its management has power to affect their interests favorably or unfavorably. Thus we look upon this appointment as evidence that the Secretary has no unfriendly feeling for the producers. Certainly in Mr. Rogers they have a "friend at court."

Giving Them a Handsome Send-off.

A marriage at Memphis has moved a local editor to remark calmly and classically:

"The chivalry of the gallant doctor has garlanded his chaplet with the fairest and sweetest flower, that blooms in the parterre of beauty, whose fragrance will impregnate with redolency every impulse of his generous heart. The brightest star that radiates the galaxy of fascinating women shines upon and illumines his pathway with her bland smile and alluring light, whose resplendent effulgence glowing with undimmed lustre, each revolving season will pilot the ingenious victor of so estimable a prize to the haven of happiness. The life of the intrepid bridegroom is coronated with the richest and most beautiful jewel that gleams in the casket of love, whose diamond brilliancy will color with a more vernal hue the laurels wreathed around his brow, gleamed from their sojourn down the stream of time. May joy and blessings as exquisite and hallowed as those engendered by a shower of roses scattered down by the hands of the Peri from the far off gardens of Paradise crown your wedded future and increase with the lapse of years."

The Public Schools of McKean County in 1878.

[Contributed by the Co. Supt.]

The number of square miles in the county is 1047. Of the 66 counties in the State, there are but eight larger than this. The county includes 14 townships, one city, and four boroughs, making in all 19 school districts.

The number of teachers employed in the county is 128, principals included, in the High, the other graded, and the ungraded schools. Of this number only 70 are actual residents. There are 15 counties in the State having a smaller number of schools than this.

The amount of work done by the Co. Superintendent for the past eight months of the present school year, from June 1, 1878, to Feb. 1, 1879, is as follows:

Number of public examinations held	8
" applicants examined	69
" rejected, (over 33 per cent of those examined)	19
" official letters written	351
" miles traveled in official business	1922
" visits to schools	188
" examinations by directors	18
Average duration of visits	1.55 hours.

—It is said that a blow on the ear has often ruptured the drum, and parents are warned against boxing children's ears. You can get more music out of a child by applying the slipper a couple of feet below the "drum."

THE HERMIT MURDER.

A Bradford Hermit shoots Two of his Neighbors, Probably Fatally—His Statement of the Affray.

Breeze of Saturday, February 1.

One of the many curiosities of Bradford and the Northern oil field for some years past, has been a hermit, named Jacob S. Bartholomew, who has resided on Lewis Run, some five or six miles from Bradford, on some land which he had purchased years gone by, in a rickety, tumble-down domicile, living all alone, cooking his own meals, and taking care of himself.

In appearance Bartholomew is the exact counterpart of the hermit of old, those of which we have so often read but never seen, and, if history is correct, this one could compare very favorably as far as filth and actions are concerned.

He is a man of forty or forty-three years of age; he says he is not positive as to his exact age, having lost the reckoning. His face is elongated and thin, after the manner of Don Quixote, with long hair and beard straggling down onto his breast; in person he is round-shouldered, with clothing of many a year's wear, that hangs loosely about his lean and hungry form. In fact he is the very beau ideal of recluses, and would delight the heart of an antiquarian or searcher after the curious.

Bartholomew came to this region from Bradford, Steuben county, New York State, six years ago, with quite a sum of money in his possession, and hearing that this piece of land, containing thirty acres, on Lewis Run was for sale, he bought it at $12 per acre, of a man by the name of Ives, who resides near this purchase. Putting him up a house, Bartholomew moved in and has lived there alone since that time. He has farmed it a little, raising just enough potatoes and other vegetables to last him over the season, and has endeavored to practice medicine, claiming to be a homœopathic, by the use herbs, roots and barks, may be accompanied by incantations after the manner of the Indian medicine man, but has had but poor success at that line of business.

At various time people in search of the original among mankind, from outside of the regions, have paid him a visit and he has been written up in several of the dailies around, among which was the BREEZE. To visitors he was usually rather reserved, unless one could catch him on his favorite theme of drugs, when he would converse on the topic for hours. The "Doc." as he was familiarly called by the neighbors, was not socially inclined—rather morose than otherwise. He kept a full supply of powder and shot on hand and used to add to his stock of provisions by excursions into the forests, bringing in game of various kinds.

During the time that the hermit Bartholomew has resided at this place (according to his statement) the neighbors round about, and especially the Ives, who lived a few rods from him, have been aggressive, and subjected him to annoyances of various kinds, taking every opportunity to harrass him. This is said to have been partly on account of a little dispute in the title to the land upon which he lived, and was doubtless owing in a great measure to his secluded habits and *outre* mode of living. Among the most tenacious of these, the Dr. says, was the Ives family, consisting of the father, aged 45 or 50, and the son, "Tug" Ives, of 18, or thereabouts.

Thursday a window in the hermit's house was broken, and he claims that young Ives did it. About 10 o'clock p. m. yesterday young Ives came by his house and the hermit, having previously loaded his rifle with buckshot in waiting for the opportunity, put it through the hole in the window and fired at Ives, just as he came opposite. The whole charge, of thirteen buckshot, entered his body, lodging in the back and arm. The boy's father, hearing the shot, came up about this time and, the hermit, having loaded his gun in the interim, with ball, took deliberate aim and fired at him hitting him in the side of the abdomen, the bullet passing through the intestines. The boy assisted his father to the house, and the latter died about four hours afterward in great agony. Dr. Wilson, of this city, was called and attended to the sufferers, doing everything that medical skill could suggest to alleviate their sufferings. The young man now lies in a critical condition, and the chances for his recovery are doubtful.

The news of the murder spread rapidly, and very soon it became known about the city that the "hermit of Bradford" had shot a couple of men, and there was considerable excitement manifested.—About Lewis Run was a still higher state of agitation, and the feeling was so strong that there were serious thoughts of lynching Bartholomew. Fortunately for him, just at this time Officers Emery and Ostrander came up and took the hermit into custody, brought him to town and lodged him in the lock-up. The warrant was sworn out by E. S. Lykeman, son-in-law of the senior Ives.

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The hermit offered no resistance whatever to the officers when they arrested him, allowing himself to be searched and taken charge of with remarkable meekness for one who had just lodged thirteen buckshot into the body of a man and sent another into eternity. A rifle, large size Colt's revolver, a quantity of powder and shot, and a silver watch were taken away from him and are in possession of the officers.

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Bartholomew has relatives living in Steuben county, a brother and sister; also Charles Bentley, who married a cousin of his, in Harrisburg, this city; also a Mrs. Knickabocker, a cousin, in Bradford.

Election of Officers.

The stockholders of the Bradford Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a purely home institution, met in the office of the company on the corner of Main and Congress streets yesterday and held the annual election of directors for the ensuing year. The following named were chosen: Enos Parsons, J. K. Wallace, A. L. Wilcox, L. G. Peck, Dr. H. S. Baker, I. H. Hilliard, G. M. Smith, Henry Hamlin, P. M. Fuller, Dr. W. L. Crisman, C. J. Lane. The directors immediately proceeded to an election of officers of the organization, which resulted as follows: President, Enos Parsons; Vice President, Dr. H. S. Baker; Treasurer, L. G. Peck; Secretary, M. J. Jack; Legal Solicitor, J. K. Wallace, and General Agent, I. H. Hilliard. The Bradford Mutual is in a very prosperous condition.—*Bradford Era.*

From Howard Hill.

January 27, 1879.

To the Editor of the Miner:

The inmates of the Howard Hill Hotel were very agreeably surprised last Sunday evening by two parties of ladies and gentlemen who gave themselves the pleasure of a sleigh ride. One party, numbering about sixteen, were from the Settlement, near Kane, whose smiling faces we had the pleasure of seeing two weeks previous. The other party was from Marvin Creek:—Mr. John Hafner, Mrs. Mana Burdick, Miss Emma Bell, Miss Mary Hafner and Elmer Fletcher. The evening was bright, the air genial and they all seemed to enjoy their ride heartily, but thought it would hardly be complete without a supper. While we were busily employed in preparing coffee and other refreshments we were cheered by the sweet voice of Mrs. Burdick while she played and sang "The beautiful gates ajar." Miss Bell played and sang many beautiful pieces, after which all joined in singing hymns from the Moody and Sankey hymn book. The evening passed pleasantly and too fast away, and with many adieus they returned to their homes. After they had gone I thought had I the arrangement of the evenings I would have made this one much longer; but remembering that "with every bird its own nest is charming," did not urge them to stay. Would that we could pass many Sabbath evenings with them. MARY MCKEAN.

A Remarkable Egg.

A Kansas man makes known through the medium of the press that one of his hens recently laid an egg containing the legend, "War, 1880." Some persons out there think the man lies—but he doesn't. Hens often lay such prophetic eggs; hence it will be believed when we state that a Norristown hen last week laid an egg ten inches around the waist, which not only prophesied a "general war in 1880," but contained on one side a very elaborate and artistic war map, a thrilling battle-scene on the other, and a picture of a newspaper correspondent writing up the battle for the *Herald* on the tapering end. The hen is doing well as could be expected under the circumstances and—so are we. Persons who doubt this story can see a feather of the hen by calling at this office after business hours. Business hours from 6 a.m. to 11 p. m. So saith the St. Louis *Post.*

Monthly Report of Smethport High School.

The following is the average per centage in recitation of each student for the month ending February 4, 1879:

Frank Backus, 63 (67); Mollie King, 71 (39); Ada Brownell, 89; Fannie Rogers, 87 (89); Mary Sartwell, 85 (8); John Chadwick 81 (45); Ross McIntosh, 81 (17); Lowell Green, 79 (25); Mary Richards, 86; Ethel Armstrong, 80; Hattie Tubbs, 81; Mary Walker, 82; Eva Callar, 90 (28); Ezra Taylor, 50 (50); Andrew Daly, 91; G. R. Brownell, 88; Charles Prorin, 76 (15); Agnes Rose, 86 (9); Samuel Ramer, 67 (15); F. B. Sartwell, 73 (7); Millie Patterson, 85; Alice Hamlin, 100; Rowena King, 78 (32); Minnie Callar, 86 (7); P. E. Abbey (expelled); Marrie Knapp, 88 (18); Frank Daly, 85 (9); Lillian Rush, 84 (44); T. F. Richmond, 93; Mary Hamlin, 92; Evaline Forsyth, 90 (32); Lelia Knapp, 86; Erwin Kerns, 78; Willie Mullin, 80 (52); Maggie Smith, 84 (17); Charles Freeman, 78; Marrie Richmond, 67; Nat Ramer, 76; Byron Ostrander, 69 (3).

One hundred per cent. shows perfect recitations during the entire month. Less than 50 per cent. is unsustained. The numbers in parenthesis show the number of times absent from recitation.

H. H. BARTHOLOMEW, Principal.

New Boarders.

Following is a list of arrivals at the county jail since our last report, with the date of admission, name, charge and locality from whence committed:

Jan. 15—John Cornelius, malicious mischief, Bradford.

Jan. 16—Thomas Gristock, larceny, Bradford.

Jan. 20—Walter Dirkey, larceny, Bradford.

Jan. 20—Patrick Sweeney, larceny, Bradford.

Jan. 20—Annie Brown, larceny, Eldred.

Feb. 1—Jacob L. Bartholomew, murder, Bradford.

Feb. 5—William Tees, murder, Kane.

—THE contest between the Administration and Senator Conkling regarding the New York Custom House appointments has resulted in the defeat of the New York Senator. The full strength and influence of the administration was used to secure the confirmation of these appointments, and yet the plucky Senator, fighting single-handed, was defeated by but seven votes.

Important.

L. W. Mason has rented shop and tools of M. A. Sprague, and will in the future have full control of the tin and sheet iron department. Farmers, now is the time for ordering tin sap buckets and pans for sugar making. Orders left at shop, on Fulton st., between Main and King will receive prompt attention.

Fresh Bread.

I will supply families with Fresh Bread until further notice at seven cents per loaf. I guarantee every loaf of my bread to weigh a pound and a half, and to be fresh and sweet. Special rates given to hotels, boarding houses, and other large consumers. M. H. PICARD.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1879.—3t

Donation Visit.

The friends of Rev. W. C. Wiltse are invited to attend a donation visit for his benefit at the Baptist parsonage in this borough on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Feb. 11, 1879. All are cordially invited.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

A Sick Senator.

The excessive corpulency of a certain United States Senator has long been the butt of editorial wit and spicy *bon mots* from the pens of Washington correspondents. Few persons have suspected that his obesity was a disease, and liable to prove fatal. Yet this is the sad fact. Excessive fatness is not only a disease in itself, but one liable to generate other and more serious ones. Chemistry has at last revealed a safe, sure, and reliable remedy for this abnormal condition of the system in Allan's Anti-Fat. Distinguished chemists have pronounced it not only harmless but very beneficial to the system, while remedying the diseased condition. Sold by druggists.

"Wouldn't Call them on."

The jumping toothache, earache or neuralgia are not the pleasantest companions in the world, and if you want to get rid of them use Dr. Fenner's Golden Relief. Use his Cough Honey for all Coughs. Price 25c, 50c.

BUSINESS LOCAL.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French, or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. 11 6m.

DON'T FORGET.

If you are sick "PARMELEE'S BLOOD PURIFIER" will aid nature in making you well again, where all else fails. If you are suffering from any of the numerous diseases of the stomach bowels or liver, it is your own fault if you remain ill, when you have at hand "PARMELEE'S BLOOD PURIFIER," a sovereign remedy in all such ailments. If you feel just as bad as you can *possibly*, go to the nearest druggist for a bottle of PARMELEE'S BLOOD PURIFIER" and forever bless the day you first heard of such a remedy.

Price $1.00 per bottle. Sample bottles 15 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport, Pa. 15-15 eow, 1y

Cure for Sore Eyes.

To all afflicted with sore eyes, Inflammation, Granulations, Films, can make a bargain. Cure or no pay. Taraxgeums and Amaurosos cured in the first stages, as doctored by D. Wildey, of Farmers Valley, south side of Potato Creek.

Mr. Love, on Open Brook, has tried the above remedy, was cured by it and knows of other cases, and can recommend it. 15-51 3m

—When you go to Olean stop at the Brunswick House, opposite the Union Depot, the most popular house in Olean. 21 tf

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE WORLD'S BALM.

St. J. J. Wayne's Alterative Syrup.

☞ A remedy used THIRTY-FIVE YEARS in a private practice, and never failing to E dically Cure

RHEUMATISM

Dropsy, Erysipelas, Scrofula, Secondary Syphilis, Gravel, Diabetes, and all diseases in which the blood is implicated, is now offered to the public.

Sold by all Retail Druggists, and (wholesale only) by THE WAYNE MEDICINE CO. P. O. Box 288, Rochester, N. Y. 11 6m.

PIMPLES.

I will mail (Free) the recipe for a simple VEGETABLE BALM that will remove TAN, FRECKLES, PIMPLES and blotches, leaving the skin soft, clear and beautiful. Also instructions for producing a luxuriant growth of hair on a bald head or smooth face. Address, inclosing a 3c stamp, Rev. Vandell & Co., 20 Ann St., N.Y. 16-11 6m.

To Consumptives.

The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. Parties wishing the Prescription, will please address E. A. WILSON, 211 Penn St., Williamsburgh, N. Y. all-6m

ERRORS OF YOUTH.

A GENTLEMAN who suffered for years from NERVOUS DEBILITY, PREMATURE DECAY, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the recipe and direction for making the simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience can do so by addressing in perfect confidence, JOHN B OGDEN, 42 Cedar St., New York.

PILES

Of all kinds, TUMORS, discharges of BLOOD or mucus, and all diseases of the RECTUM quickly and perfectly cured by a simple and soothing REMEDY. For information, address DR. J. FARRAGO, 32 Ann St., N. Y. v16-all 6m

To the Public.

The subscriber hereby gives notice to the people of Smethport and vicinity that one is prepared to do all kin-ls of

PLAIN SEWING

in the best possible style and at reasonable rates. Orders may be left at her residence in Mechanicsburg. 13-3m tf] MRS. H. L. BURLINGHAM.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Court of Appeals.

The Commissioners of McKean county will be in their office for the purpose of hearing appeals from the assessments for the year 1879, on Tuesday, March 25, 1879.

N. W. ABBEY,
W. J. COLEGROVE, } Comrs.
J. G. BOYER,

Cigars & Tobacco

WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

I do not hesitate to say that I will sell Tobacco and Cigars at lower Prices than they have been sold in this market since the Special Revenue Tax was laid on these goods. I will sell

FINE OLD HONESTY PLUG,

at 60 cents per pound

Cigars from $1.50 to $5.50 per Hundred.

Havana and Yara Cigars

$3.00 to $5.00 per Hundred.

Persons wishing to purchase by the BOX or THOUSAND are invited to call and examine samples.

A. REILLY, Proprietor.

Store opposite Catholic Church, Main St., Smethport, Pa. } M-all

Court Proclamation.

The Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL and F. N. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, have issued their precept bearing date Friday, December 20, 1878, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1879, and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county that they be then and there in their proper persons at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of McKean are to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

Dated at Smethport, January 2, 1879, and the 103d year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John G. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make it a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please be prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

A. E. TAYLOR,
D. C. YOUNG,
F. N. TAYLOR, } Executors

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 18, 1878.-tf

LEGAL.

Sheriff's Sales.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 31st day of February, A. D. 1879, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land belonging to E. K. Chambers in McKean county, Ohio township, being part of warrant No. 3993, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the Potts and Stiles lot, running thence south 88½ degrees east twenty-three rods to the south east corner of A hart Barton lot, thence south 3½ degrees west twenty rods to the south west corner of Harry Brown lot, thence north 85 degrees, east thirty and one-half rods to stake and stones, thence south 5½ degrees west one hundred and thirty-four rods to the south west corner of O. L. Mather lot, thence south 88½ degrees east twenty-one and fourteen twenty-fifths rods to an angle, thence north 5½ degrees west twenty-seven rods to H. Ford's north west corner, thence north 88½ degrees east twenty-eight and eight twenty-fifths rods to stakes and stones, thence north 5½ degrees east one hundred and fifty-five rods in place of beginning, containing fifty acres, be the same more or less, which is subject to a lease to William Chambers for all purposes, which leases is at one-fourth royalty, and having thereon four oil wells complete and three drilling wells.

ALSO—A certain other piece of land situate in Otto township, said county, containing about ten acres of land, bounded and described as follows, being lot No. 9 and part of N. T. Sanderson purchase from Borden, bounded on the north by lots No 1 and No. 2, on the east by lands of D. M. Sanders and others, on the south by what is know as the E-dell lot and west by township line being No. 9 of Sanders subdivision of Keenes tract with two oil well thereon, carpenters rig and machinery, two engines and one boiler.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. K. Chambers at the suit of Alfred Short.

R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Jan. 31, 1879.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 24th day of February, A. D. 1879, at one o'clock p. m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the borough of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the south east corner of Mrs. Mc. Cleese north 1½ degrees west 100 feet to the south side of Effess four alley, thence west along the south side of said alley 99 feet, thence south 1½ degrees east 100 feet to the north side of Main street, thence along the line of said street north-easterly to the place of beginning, being lots Nos. 4 and 5 of block 19 as platted by C. E. Allen, all improved, and having thereon one large frame store building with frame dwelling house and wing attached, and one well of water.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles Geary at the suit of John E. Pero use of A. T. Barden.

R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Jan. 23, 1879.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Levari Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the 24th day of February, A. D. 1879, at one o'clock p. m.

All that certain piece of land situate in the Borough of Smethport, county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Center street, on the west by Mrs. C. Corwin, on the south by South street, on the east by Mrs. Wm. Bertram's north east corner, thence south forty one degrees west along Ford's line nine rods and twelve twenty-fifths rods to an angle, thence south 5½ degrees west twenty-seven rods to H. Ford's north west corner, thence north 88½ degrees west twenty-eight and eight twenty-fifths rods to stakes and stones, thence north 5½ degrees east one hundred and fifty-five rods in place of beginning, containing fifty acres, be the same more or less, which is subject to a lease to William Chambers for all purposes, which leases is at one-fourth royalty, and having thereon four oil wells complete and three drilling wells.

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R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Jan. 31, 1879.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI

Farewell! If Ever Fondest Prayer.

Farewell! If ever fondest prayer
For others' weal availed on high,
Mine will not all be lost in air,
But waft thy name beyond the sky.
'Twere vain to speak, to weep, to sigh:
Oh! more than tears of blood can tell,
When wrung from guilt's expiring eye,
And in that word—Farewell!—Farewell!

These lips are mute, these eyes are dry;
But in my breast and in my brain
Awake my pangs and pass not by,
The thought that ne'er shall sleep again.
My soul nor deigns nor dares complain,
Though grief and passion there rebel:
I only know we loved in vain—
I only feel—Farewell!—Farewell!

—Byron.

A Twilight Reverie.

The shades of evening had fallen as we quitted West Point, says a correspondent of Leslie's Newspaper, and the hills were preparing to wrap themselves in hooded gray. The dim, mysterious "hush" that night whispers to the dying day was upon us. The shadows of the mountains deepened, and their tops were dark purple in the twilight. New and wondrous charms were awakened beneath the balmy caresses of the night breeze, while a subtle perfume floated in the luscious air. Lights twinkled on the shore in casements up high on the bluffs; on river craft, and in beacons, sending long streaks of illumination across the glassy water. The river was steel gray, and the shadows of the banks sank down, in ghastly and fathomless blackness. Stars came out in the dark blue sky, shimmering like rose diamonds; dogs bayed, and with the honest watch-dog's bark, the paddles of the boat alone broke upon the sublimity of silence. Oh, it was the hour of heart-ease, when that throb of pain called life was laid aside and almost forgotten. Within all was semi-animation. The gas-shade of Henry Hudson was lighted, and the orchestra discoursed sweet music in the deck-saloon; a selection from "Lucia di Lammermoor," suited Mercutio Spiffins, who hung with gloomy fondness upon every note, and who wept copiously over the "Fra poco." The Englishman with the refractory liver was endeavoring to soothe that troublesome organ with a dilution of brandy and water. Chatty and chirpy groups lounged about the saloon, or leant over the galley-railing in all the innocent joys of a goodly gossip. The deck was deserted save by lovers and smokers. Two bank clerks, who were proceeding to fish the Adirondacks and to "rough it," were endeavoring to sleep beneath the canopy of heaven, but whether the stars were too winky, or the rubber-spreads too uncomfortable, it is certain that they would have been far more at their ease in an upright position. Alas! no beds for them! They were Bohemians. A colored waiter who softly thrummed a banjo, and who was en route for the Grand Union Hotel, shared the deck with us; and ere we turned in we could trace the queenly Catskills far, far away upon our left; and the Mountain House, like a gigantic white bird flying upon outstretched wings out into the night.

Corn as Food.

The Milwaukee Milling Journal thus compares the cost and food value of corn and wheat to the disadvantage of the latter grain: "Wheat is the dearest food consumed by mankind, and when the comparative value and cheapness of the different grains is more thoroughly understood, the singular fact will be developed that there is as much caste in food as in the human race that is supported by it. Scarcity and high cost of wheat will eventually force nations and individuals to learn that the moral and financial elevation of the masses depends upon the substitution of some good material cheaper than wheat and bearing nearer proportion to the reduced state of wages now prevalent the world over. When the conventional necessities of life increase in cost, laborer's wages diminish, and suffering and discontent ensue. The following comparison will show that corn, as well as oats, is cheaper food than wheat; Oats contain 19.91 per cent nourishment; corn, 12.30 per cent, and wheat, 14.08 per cent. Each pound of nourishment from oats at 58½ cents per bushel costs 9.83 cents; from corn at 67 cents per bushel, each pound 92 cents, while from wheat at $1 07 per bushel each pound of nourishment costs 20.61 cents. The corn crop of the United States equals the wheat crop of the civilized world, while 40 per cent of the latter can not raise sufficient for their own wants. The deficiency in the United States wheat crop for 1878 exceeded the entire export of 1878, while our exports of wheat in 1878 were 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1874, showing that wheat can not be claimed as a sole dependence from the rapidly increased population of the world. Corn must, before many years, be consumed as a partial substitute, at least, for wheat, and the better the quality of the grain, and the more perfect the process of preparing it for food, the quicker will come the enlarged demand. This is in part confirmed by the fact that our exports of 1878 were 8 per cent of our whole crop, while for the twelve preceding years they averaged only 7 per cent of the corn produced.

Real Estate.

When William the Conqueror had finished parcelling out the principalities of England among his Norman lieges, the Doomsday Book enumerated 45,700 owners of real estate outside of London. Eight centuries of civilization have reduced that number of landholders to 30,770, and land-hunger, as the Germans call it, is steadily diminishing that small number. In this country, in addition to the land-owners of the thirteen original States, 1,100,000 pieces of real estate have been carved out of the wild lands east of the Mississippi; and, west of the Father of Rivers, at least 600,000 more. It is safe to say, therefore, that there are to-day not less than 2,000,000 owners of real estate in the United States as against the 30,000 of England; and we add more than 30,000 to that number every year. The great majority of these cultivate their own lands and dwell beneath their own roofs. Every man of them has an interest in the stability of that government that gives them certainty of tenure.—*Appleton's Journal.*

Edwin Adams was for a long time a very stupid stage supernumerary, and had not the patience to commit even a few lines to memory. He getting secured finally to burst forth all at once.

Domestic Recipes.

Roasting Meats.—In roasting it is important that the meat be put down before a bright, clear fire, sufficiently large to heat the whole of the joint at once. The time usually allowed for roasting is a quarter of an hour to each pound, but this must also depend on the thickness and size of the joint.

Coffee.—To make good coffee, use about a tablespoonful for each person, and one egg with it. Place this in a coffee-pot, put in a little cold water, and then the desired amount of boiling water; place upon the stove and let it come to a boil. If no egg is used, it should never boil over a half minute. If an egg is used it may boil two minutes, when it is ready for use. The coffee-pot should be as close as possible, so as to retain the savor.

Sauce for Baked or Boiled Fish.—Pound the yolks of two hard boiled eggs and place in a bowl. Have ready some boiling water, half a pint; add a sprig of parsley and a variety of sweet herbs, besides two small onions, and boil five minutes. Remove from the fire, pound them well and strain upon the pounded yolks, adding two spoonfuls best vinegar, two of French mustard, salt, pepper, four spoonfuls sweet oil, which should be poured in gradually, when it is ready for use.

Moonshines.—Beat an egg very light, add salt and as much flour as it will take, add one-fourth teaspoonful baking powder in the flour; knead it well, break off pieces like a marble, roll as round as possible, and then drop into boiling fat, use plenty of fat so they will float, they cook instantly; lay a piece of currant jelly in center of each roll; roll all out before frying any.

Stewed Tripe.—Cut in small pieces one pound of tripe, half a quart each of potatoes and onions, and put them in layers in a pot, seasoning them with one tablespoonful of salt and one level teaspoonful of pepper, mix quarter of of a pound of flour with water, gradually using three pints of water, and pour it over the stew, put the pot over the fire and boil it gently for an hour and a half. It costs about fifteen cents and furnishes a good, nutritious meal, the onions and flour making up any lack of nourishment in the tripe and potatoes.

Lemon Pie.—The juice of one lemon and half of the grated rind; one cup hot water; let it boil a few minutes, then add one cup sugar and one tablespoonful of butter while hot, and when lukewarm add a tablespoonful cornstarch moistened with a little water and a well beaten egg. Bake with two crusts.

Musical Animals.

The fabled feasts of Orpheus are not, perhaps, so wondrous as they at first appear, says Leeds Mercury. Certain notes, for example, sounded on a flute or other wind instrument, will cause a dog to set up a lamentable howl, evidently from the pain it produces, either in the ear itself, or the nerves connected with it. The war-horse seems to derive new life and vigor from the sound of the drum and trumpet; and at the circus, two horses will not pace regularly without music. Outrageous bulls have likewise, in several instances, been calmed into gentleness by music. Of this musical feeling in oxen, Mr. Southey gives a singular instance in his letters from Spain. The carts of Cayunna make so loud and disagreeable a creaking with their wheels, from the want of oil, that the governor once issued an order to have them greased; but it was speedily revoked, on the petition of the carters, who stated that the oxen liked the sound, and would not draw without its music. Even fish, upon good authority, independent of the amphion and the dolphin, and of the old harper, who, as the ballad has it, "harped a fish out of the salt water," are said to have shown signs of being affected by music; and seals crowded to hear a violin, as we are told by Mr. Laing, in his voyage to Spitzbergen. Scoresby, junior, also tells us that music, particularly a person whistling, draws them to the surface, and induces them to stretch their necks to the utmost extent so as to prove a snare, by bringing them within reach of the shooter.

Gardening.

A thoughtful writer recommends to every man especially in the Autumn of his life to take to gardening, if he has not already experienced its pleasures. Of all occupations in the world it is the one which best combines repose and activity. It is not idleness; it is not stagnation; and yet it is perfect quietude. Like all things mortal it has its failures and its disappointments, and there are some things hard to understand. But it is never without its rewards, and perhaps if there were nothing but successful cultivation the aggregate enjoyment would be less. It is better for the occasional shadows that come over the scene. The discipline, too, is most salutary. It tries our patience and it tries our faith. But even in the worst of seasons there is far more to reward and encourage than to dishearten and disappoint. There is no day of the year without something to afford tranquil pleasure to the cultivator of flowers, something on which the mind may rest—rest with profit and delight.

The Use of Wheat Bran.

The bran of wheat, diffused through hot water, is largely employed by calico printers, to remove the coloring matter from those parts of their goods which are not mordanted, i. e., having the colors fixed. A handful mixed in a pail of water forms an excellent emollient footbath. Infused in hot water (bran tea), properly sweetened, it forms a popular demulcent much used in coughs and hoarseness. It also forms an excellent manure, and, from containing the ammoniaco-magnesian phosphates, is especially adapted as a dressing for potatoes. In some parts of the country it was, and perhaps still is, mixed with flour and made into bran bread used by the poorer orders for economy, and by the higher classes because recommended by the faculty as being more wholesome than white wheaten bread.

Broom-corn was introduced into this country by Dr. Franklin. While examining an imported corn-whisk he accidentally discovered a single seed, which he planted in his garden, and from which the corn was propagated.

ALL SORTS.

In two recent attempts to sound the Northern Ocean with lines one mile and a half in length, no bottom could be found.

After a boy is tired out hoeing potatoes nothing seems to rest him more than to dig over a few square rods of green sward in search of bait.

British statistics recently collected go to show that the number of suicides in the hot season is immensely more than at other times.

Joseph Gillott, the steel-pen manufacturer, who died in England a few years since, owned a private art gallery, valued at $500,000.

A Danbury man describes a church festival for raising money as an operation wherein one half the church buys berries at fifteen cents a quart and sells them to the other half for a dollar.

The cabbages on the island of Jersey grow on stems to the height of ten or twelve feet. They cut off the lower leaves for the cattle, and hence one can walk under the vegetable itself, as beneath a tropical grove of palms.

So certain is the crime of listening to carry its own punishment, that there is no printed prohibition against it; we are commanded not to commit other sins, but this one draws down its own correction, and woe be to him who infringes it!

Wire ropes for mines, elevators and the transmission of power are now being made of the comparatively new alloy, phosphor bronze. These ropes are said to retain their pliability after long use, and to resist the action of the corrosive waters found in mines.

An English undertaker, to prove that he was patronized by famous people, exhibited in his show window the lid of the coffin in which Titiens was to be buried. He had a card attached bearing the great singer's name and the fact that he was honored with the patronage of her friends. What comes next?

They have what is called a raining tree in the island of Tierro, one of the Canaries. It never rains there, but these trees are always surrounded by low-lying clouds of mist, and their leaves gather the moisture, which constantly drips from them into reservoirs prepared to catch it; these are never dry.

Here is a good one from London Fun: First Fisherman: "Wot was the lady sayin' to yer Billy?" Second F.: "Wants to paint my picter. Never knowed I was so 'ansome afore!" First F.: "I thought I'd seen her somewhere! That's Madame Toosoo. Wants yer in wax—in the chamber of 'orrors!"

The royal plate of Windsor, which is kept in a tolerably sized room and an adjoining closet, is valued at £1,750,000 sterling! There is one gold service, formed by George IV., to dine 130 guests. Some pieces were taken from the Spanish Armada, some brought from India, Burmah and China. There are thirty dozen of plates, which cost twenty-six guineas each plate.

Experience demonstrates that not more than one in three or four of our native cows transmit their milking properties, while, on the other hand, a thoroughbred bull of a good strain will transmit his best qualities nine times out of ten. This is an unanswerable argument in favor of the use of thoroughbred sires. Grade sires are as uncertain and unreliable as common native sires.

"The art of feeding milch cows is not altogether understood by the dairymen," said one of the best milk producers. "While some cows will eat a peck of meal a day, and give an increased quantity of milk, others fail to digest as much." It is with feeding cows as it is with manure and fertilizers—all beyond a certain amount is wasted, so far as the immediate return is concerned.

Miss Randolph, the great-granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson, is at the head of a young ladies' school near Charlotte, Va. She has many anecdotes concerning her famous ancestry, and among these is the tale of a great aunt, who once remarked naively of her husband: "Sure, he is the politest man that ever lived; he never even comes into a room without looking through the key-hole first to know if he'll be welcomed!"

Date trees commence to yield fruit about five or six years after planting, but it is not until after twenty or twenty-five years that they come into full bearing, then they endure for about 150 years. A date tree in full bearing will produce eight or ten bunches, each containing from twelve to twenty pounds of fruit, which, at an average of 144 pounds of dates per tree, is at the rate of nearly three tons to the acre.

A young farmer, in Sheldon, Vermont, bought a dairy farm, stocked with sixty cows. During two years he has sold, exchanged and reduced the number of his dairy cows, so that last year he had but thirty-five. He reports having made as much butter from the thirty-five selected cows as was formerly made from the original sixty. It is easy to see that, in reduced attendance and diminished cost of feeding with equal products, his profits must be largely increased.

In the island of Ceylon in the Indian Ocean, about fifty-five miles southeast of the southern extremity of Hindostan, there is a lake inhabited by musical fish. Their song—if it can be called a song—is not one sustained note, like a bird's, but a multitude of tiny, soft, sweet sounds, each clear and distinct in itself, something like the vibration of a wineglass when its rim is rubbed by a moistened finger. In the harbor of Bombay there is another species of fish, producing a sound like an Æolian harp.

Within the last eighteen years twelve falls of meteoric stones have occurred in the United States, of which specimens have been collected. Eight of these falls took place in the prairie region of the West, extending from Ohio to Kansas, and from Kentucky to Wisconsin, inclusive. Prof. J. L. Smith, of Louisville, gives a map of this region in the American Journal of Science and Arts, showing the locality of each fall, and he states that the aggregate estimated weight of the eight was 1,680 kilogrammes, equal to more than 2,800 pounds. Going back further, and taking a period of sixty years, Prof. Smith finds that there have been twenty well noted falls in the United States, ten of which were in the same region; and those ten weighed twenty times as much as the ten which occurred outside its limits.

Children should never wear garters, as the stockings can be kept up perfectly well by an attachment of elastic strips to the waistband. If garters are worn, it is important to know how to apply them with the least risk of harm. At the bend of the knee the superficial veins of the leg unite and go deeply into the under part of the thigh beneath the hamstring tendons. Thus a ligature below the knee obstructs all the superficial veins; but if the constriction is above, the hamstring tendons keep the pressure of the veins which return the blood from the legs. Unfortunately most people, in ignorance of the above facts, apply the garter below the knee. Elastic bands are the most injurious. They follow the movements of the muscles and never relax their pressure upon the veins. Non-elastic bands during muscular exertion, become considerably relaxed at intervals, and allow freer circulation of the blood.

The manner of milking exerts a powerful influence on the productiveness of the cow. A slow and careless milker, or one whose treatment is harsh, will soon dry up the best of cows. The animal must be approached gently, never struck or abused, while the operation of milking should begin gradually, steadily increasing in rapidity, until all is drawn. If the milking is performed in the stall, it is a good plan to feed at the same time with roots or hay.

An Irishman called on a lady and gentleman, in whose employ he was, for the purpose of getting some tea and tobacco. "I had a drame last night, your honor," said he to the gentleman. "What is it, Pat?" "Why, I drames that yer honor made me a present of a pound of tobaccy, and her ladyship—Heaven bless her!—gave me some tay for the good." Ah, Pat, dreams go by contraries, you know," said the gentleman. "Faith, and they may that," said Pat; "so her ladyship is to give me tobaccy and his honor the tay!"

The great galaxy known as the Milky-way, forming a luminous band which nightly stretches across the heavens from horizon to horizon, has existed there since the earliest known ages. The reader will find its course mapped out on any celestial globe. It is composed of stars invisible singly to the naked eye. There are only a few thousand stars actually visible to human sight. Herschel observed 116,000 stars pass the field of his telescope in a quarter of an hour, while directing it to the densest part of the Milky-way.

Glorious and wonderful as babies may be, as every new baby unquestionably is, it is fortunate they are not in the market. If they were, how varied quotations would be, or rather how impossible it would be to establish any quotation at all! To use the language of the street, holders would be ferocious bulls, and non-holders contumacious bears. There would be no middle ground or common base of operations. There would be neither bids nor offers, no buyers, no sellers; the market would be irretrievably and incessantly off.

At bedtime little Willie was saying his usual prayer at his mother's knee, and having got as far as "if I should die before I wake," hesitated.

"Well! what next?" asked his mother.

"Why, mamma, I suppose the next thing would be a funeral."

"Look a here! What d' you give your hoss for the bots?"

"I give him a pint of turpentine."

Next day—"Look a here! I give my hoss a pint o' turpentine, 'n it killed him 's dead 's a hammer."

"So it did mine."

Tea is a very accommodating plant, both as respects climatic range and the nature of the soil in which it is planted. It is found growing from Pekin, which frequently has winters of Russian severity, to Canton and Macao, where the sugar-cane and pine-apple find sufficient heat to render them sure and profitable crops. The plant seems quite capable of withstanding winters of very intense frost, provided the summers are of sufficient duration and heat to mature perfectly the newly-formed wood which it makes. Any country, it would seem, therefore, having a long and hot summer and even a cold winter can grow tea.

An old turkey-raiser gives the following experiment: Four turkeys were confined in a pen, and fed on meal, boiled potatoes and oats. Four others, of the same brood, were also at the same time confined in another pen, and fed daily on the same articles, but with one pint of very finely pulverized charcoal mixed with their food—mixed meal and boiled potatoes. They had also a plentiful supply of broken charcoal in their pen. The eight were killed on the same day, and there was a difference of one and a half pounds each in favor of the fowls which had been supplied with charcoal, they being much the fattest and the meat greatly superior in point of tenderness and flavor.

Curious Episode in Insect Life.

A curious circumstance is said to have occurred in a silk factory of M. Garibaldi, at Cremona, says the Liverpool Mail: It is positively stated that in that factory a quantity of silk-worms, instead of forming the cocoon, as usual, actually wove a kind of silk ribbon of the breadth of ten inches, and the length of upwards of twelve feet. In the course of the inquiries made in the matter, it has been elicited that a similar phenomenon, only on a much larger scale, took place at Alexandria, in 1833, in the silk factory of Dr. Gilo, where the silk-worms wove a ribbon two inches broad, and upwards of sixty feet in length, part of which is now preserved in the Museum of Natural History at Turin.

Sound and Sense.

"Mr. Parsifine," exclaimed an indignant woman, dashing into a West Hill grocery, "I don't like that sugar you sent me last week at all. It wasn't fit to use."

"Not fit to use!" asked the astonished grocer, "why what was the matter with it?"

"Matter enough," said the woman, "it looked nice enough, but it was as gritty as gravel."

"Oh, yes," responded the grocer, "oh, yes, I know now. It was a new brand, that was handed in for our customers to try. Oh, yes, I know. I'll give you something better this week."

And the woman looked him right in the eye, but he never quailed, and she didn't know just whether she heard him right, or whether he meant just what she thought he said, or not.—*Hawkeye.*

The opium is gaining ground that meteorites are of volcanic origin. An entire absence of any sign of concentric formation goes to show that they had been violently parted from other bodies, and the presence of hydrogen gas in meteoric iron points strongly to volcanic action. Tschermack is the latest scientist of eminence who has come to the support of this view. But it is not easy for the imagination to form even a faint conception of the magnitude of the force necessary, under this theory, to hurl the fluid matter of which meteorites are composed beyond the attractive influence of the orb whence that matter was at first derived, far into space and within the range of the attraction of our planet. The terrific fiery commotions now observed on the sun, and the desolation wrought on the surface of the moon by former volcanic activity, are, however, proofs that this assigned cause of meteors may not have been overestimated as to its authority.

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" " " Warren ..... 4.45 p. m
" " " Irvineton ..... 5.10 p. m
" " " Corry ..... 6.10 p. m
" " arr. at Erie ..... 7.40 p. m

ERIE ACCOM leaves Sheffield ..... 7.10 a. m
" " " Warren ..... 7.45 a. m
" " " Irvineton ..... 8.20 a. m
" " " Corry ..... 9.05 a. m
" " arr. at Erie ..... 10.35 a. m

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ERIE MAIL leaves Erie ..... 11.20 a. m
" " " Corry ..... 1.25 p. m
" " " Irvineton ..... 2.20 p. m
" " " Warren ..... 2.55 p. m
" " arr. at Philadelphia ..... 7.00 a. m

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